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Assistant Director for Operations

Chief, FBID

Monthly Progress Report for July 1958

5 August 1958

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OPERATIONS

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1. Despite the suddenness and magnitude of the Middle East crisis, the Mediterranean and London Bureaus provided full coverage of the Arab World and Soviet Bloc transmitters and rapid, uninterrupted communication of material. News of some of the more dramatic developments, such as the Iraqi coup, was in the hands of intelligence consumers well before it appeared on the AP ticker. For several days of the week of 14 July, wordage on the Wire Service increased 40%. Several special reports were issued and services rendered in connection with the crisis (see paragraph 9 below).

2. A DD/P request for transmission of FBIS wire material through FBIS facilities to certain PP addressees overseas was approved by the Assistant Director for Operations. The service is limited to wire material not more than five days old and its volume and distribution must remain within FBIS' existing circuit and personnel capabilities.

3. The Panama Post, with its single monitor-editor, is providing substantial new coverage of Panama and adjacent countries. It supplied especially valuable coverage of Venezuela during the recent crisis in that country. Consideration is being given to the employment of a local teletypist in anticipation of a possible request from the Army to be relieved of its present tape-punching service.

4. Middle East clandestine radio activity has increased markedly since the Iraqi coup. So far only a few of these have been heard: The "Jordan People's Radio," which has called for the overthrow of King Husayn, and the anti-Shamun "Voice of Free Lebanon" and "Voice of the Struggling Lebanese People." On the other hand, the anti-Hashimite "Voice of Iraq" discontinued broadcasting on 23 July, with a "mission accomplished" sign-off.

5. The Chief, Engineering Staff made a further examination of the potential FBID emergency relocation site. It was determined that the location would be suitable for the construction of an antenna field and that the noise level was exceptionally low. An approach will be made to the Department of Agriculture, which controls the area, for permission to conduct reception tests.

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6. In continuation of the approved program of consolidation of the current analysis publications of the Radio Propaganda Branch, which began in June with the amalgamated Trends and Highlights, the Surveys of USSR and Far East Communist

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broadcasts were replaced on 3 July with a consolidated Survey of Communist Bloc Broadcasts. At the same time, a changeover was made from mimeograph to multi-lith reproduction.

7. Supplements to the Daily Report:

- a. 14 July - Ulbricht's Report and Khrushchev's Speech to SED Congress
- b. 25 July - Additions to Ulbricht's Report to SED Congress
- c. 18 July - World Radio and Press Reaction to Middle East Crisis
(following landing of United States Marines in Lebanon)

8. Special Propaganda Analysis services:

a. FBID serviced the U.S. Technical Delegation on Atomic Inspection with six classified cables analyzing Soviet propaganda on the Geneva technical talks. Copies were sent to OCI and OSI. Texts of Soviet commentaries on the talks were filed directly to the delegation by the London Bureau.

b. A typescript study of differences in Soviet and Chinese Communist propaganda treatment of East-West relations, Yugoslav revisionism, economic aid, and other selected subjects was prepared at RQM/OIS request. Copies were sent to OCI, ONE, IDC/DD/P, State OIRA/DRS and DRP and USIA/IRI. An advance draft of the INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM article on Communist China and the Yugoslav Problem was sent to the Radio Propaganda Branch by OIRA/DRP with a notation that the study of Moscow-Peking differences had been found useful.

c. A typescript list of references to Japan in Soviet and Chinese Communist official statements from January 1957 to July 1958 was prepared at the request of the Chief, IDC, DD/P.

d. Three propaganda-analysis items supplemented the news and roundup coverage of the Middle East crisis on the FBIS Wire. RPB analysts responded to repeated telephone requests from the Chief, State OIRA/DRS and DRS analysts for up-to-date information on Soviet propaganda treatment of developments in the crisis.

9. Other special services rendered by FBID:

a. On July 3 a survey of favorable and derogatory comment concerning the United States broadcast by the Argentine, Brazilian and Uruguayan radios during the period June 25 - July 1 was compiled in support of a June 23 HSC directive to the DCI.

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b. On July 8 a statement concerning the program content of the Cairo radio was prepared in response to a DD/P request for FBID comment on the revision of a Joint Intelligence Committee paper bringing up to date a description of the ¹³take-up, technical facilities, and content of the Egyptian radio.

c. On July 23 a collation was prepared of selected texts and summaries of items monitored from the Cairo, Damascus and "Voice of Free Iraq" radios prior to July 14, 1958--date of the Iraqi coup--and published in the Daily Report. The compilation was intended as a demonstration that items broadcast by these three radios had in many cases predicted an eventual assault on the Iraqi Government and in some cases had actually incited such an assault.

d. On July 16 only, the "pink sheet" of significant foreign radio reportage was expanded to two pages in order to permit the inclusion of a wider sampling of worldwide reaction to the landing of American Marines in Lebanon. On the same day, in response to an OCB request, an additional two-page "pink sheet" on the same subject was prepared for distribution to wire consumers locally and overseas.

f. From daily roundups supplied by the Okinawa Bureau, special summations of Peking comment on recent Middle East developments were included in the Daily Report as a means of documenting the major effort undertaken by the Peking Radio to exploit the crisis.

g. The service to the U.S. representative at the Sino-American talks in Geneva continued.

FACILITIES

10. Communications. During the Middle East crisis, several YY (emergency) items from Cyprus reached Washington in five minutes, OO (Operational Immediate) in 10 to 15 and PP (Priority) in 45 to 50.

11. Since reception of Tirana and Sofia with existing antenna facilities at Vienna has proved unsatisfactory, efforts are being made to locate a suitable site southeast of the city for a Beverage antenna, subject to agreement of the Austrian Government.

12. Three additional reparable semi-automatic tape relay units have been procured in Tokyo from the local Army Signal Supply Center at \$576 each, which is 20% of the original cost. Two will be sent to the Okinawa Bureau. Traffic transmission and relay functions at these Bureaus will be simplified by these units and the traffic volume on the circuits brought substantially nearer the theoretical maximum of 88,320 words per day.

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13. A Stelma Corporation electronic word counter has been tested and it was found that calculated and actual counts during test periods were almost identical. The difference was one word in 7380 during the most crucial test. As the counter operates in the communications circuit, it produces a count of traffic on the circuit irrespective of printer changes. A recommendation is in preparation for procurement of these counters for the FBIS relay centers.

14. Construction report on the operations area at Chitose, Hokkaido: buildings and grounds -- 60% completed; antenna field -- 5% completed.

ADMINISTRATION

15. Orientations in FBID:

a. 11 July -- Four members of the Sino-Soviet Bloc Staff of OCI. Functions and operations of the Radio Propaganda Branch were emphasized.

16. During July the FY 1959 and FY 1960 FBID budget estimates were defended at the budget hearings in the Comptroller's office. The following was decided:

- a. Relocation and construction of the Mediterranean Bureau will be from contingency funds.
- b. Funds for the construction and operation of the Latin American Bureau will be included in the FY 1960 Congressional Budget.
- c. Inclusion of funds for the construction and operation of the African Bureau/s will be held in abeyance until the results of a current survey are received and evaluated.

17. The Mediterranean Bureau Native Table of Organization was increased by one position.

18. During July, five persons entered on duty and four were separated. On-duty strength as of 31 July was including six on INOP.

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Attachments:

Production Report
Personnel Supplement
Daily Wordage Report
Requirements

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, July 1958
(Averages computed on basis of 5-day week)

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	WORDAGE PUBLISHED	ECONOMIC ABSTRACTS (No. Items)
Austrian	4 1/4	8,090*	2,200*	0
East Coast	117 1/4	12,750	8,360	3
German	28 3/4	15,100*	9,600*	0
Hokkaido	12 1/4	3,400	3,000	37
London	222	80,000	38,000	45
Mediterranean	77 1/2	41,400	**	27
Okinawa	110	22,780	15,550	11
Saigon	12	5,900*	**	0
Tokyo	26 1/3	5,000*	3,700*	0
West Coast	<u>105</u>	<u>25,300</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>11</u>
Total	715 1/3	219,720	94,410	134

*Includes Press Scrutiny

**Unable to report, Daily Reports not received.

2. A daily average of 85,796 words were filed to HBC.

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

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1. Summary

<u>Number of Personnel</u>	<u>American</u>							<u>Native</u>	
	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>	<u>On Duty</u>	<u>In Process</u>	<u>Entered On Duty</u>	<u>Promo- tions</u>	<u>Trans- ferred</u>	<u>Separated</u>	<u>T/O</u> <u>On Duty</u>
Departmental									
U. S. Field									
Foreign Field (V)									
Foreign Field (UV)									
Department & Field (Total)									

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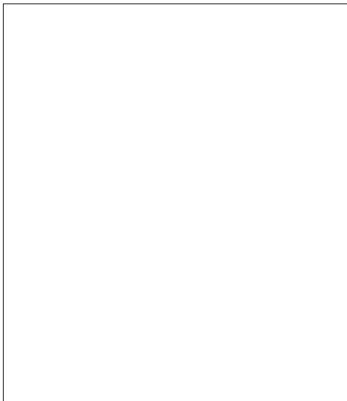
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6 LWOP

On Duty figure does not include six "Summer Only" employees.

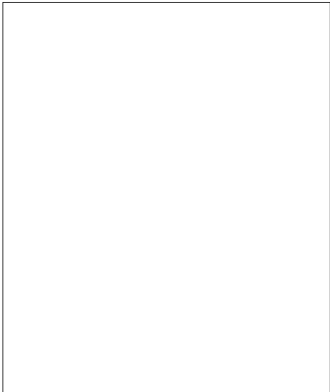
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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Editorial Branch (Trf. from OCI)	29 June 1958 50X1
	West Coast Bureau (Trf. from FDD)	14 July 1958
	Editorial Branch	21 July 1958
	Editorial Branch (Trf. from Personnel)	25 July 1958
	Editorial Branch	28 July 1958

3. Reassignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 London Bureau	29 June 1958 50X1
	Adm Assistant, GS-9 East Coast Bureau	Adm Assistant, GS-9 West Coast Bureau	29 June 1958
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 West Coast Bureau	29 June 1958
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7 East Coast Bureau	29 June 1958
	Adm Assistant, GS-9 West Coast Bureau	Adm Assistant, GS-9 Tokyo Bureau	13 July 1958

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Reassignments (Continued)Cruising Monitor, GS-11
West Coast BureauCruising Monitor, GS-11
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Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11
Editorial BranchInfo Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11
London Bureau

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4. TransfersNameTitle, Grade, AssignmentTeleg Typwr Opr, GS-5
Editorial BranchRecipient Office

OO/C

Date

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5. SeparationsNameTitle, Grade, AssignmentPropaganda Anal Of, GS-12
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Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-5
Editorial Branch

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Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-3
Editorial Branch

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East Coast Bureau

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6. OO Career Service Program

- a. ☐ employees have been accepted for Career Staff membership of which ☐ have submitted Career Preference Outlines to Personnel.

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OO Career Service Program (Continued)

b. Training Activities

Internal (O/TR)	273 hours
Internal (FBID)	846 hours
External (Agency Paid)	<u>176 hours</u>
Total Headquarters in Training	1,295 hours - 5.07%

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DAILY REPORT WORDAGE FOR JULY 1958

<u>DAILY REPORT BOOK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
West Europe and Middle East	647,600	29,436 (22 publication days)
USSR and East Europe	1,117,600	50,800 " " "
Latin America	146,000	6,272 " " "
Far East	729,600	33,166 " " "
Supplements: USSR/EE (2)	75,600	37,800 (2 issues)
World Reaction Reports	12,400	12,400 (1 issue)

TOTAL WORDAGE ALL SECTIONS:	2,640,800
TOTAL DAILY AVERAGE:	119,674
TOTAL WIRE SERVICE WORDAGE:	858,715
WIRE SERVICE DAILY AVERAGE:	27,700

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS CONTROL

CONTROL NO	REQUESTING OFFICE CONTROL NO	REQUESTING OFFICE	DATE RECEIVED	ACTION DESK	DESCRIPTION	DATE DESIRED	DATE COMPLETED	REMARKS
CR-369-58		OS	2 Jun	Ed Br (WR)	Mention by name of American citizens fighting for Indonesian rebels	---	30 Jul	50X1
R-373-58		OSI	9 Jun	RFB Ed Br, Lon B	Support of U.S. delegation at East-West Conference in Geneva	Con't		Several reports furnished
R-386-58		DD/P	7 Jul	Lon B	Copy of all London Bureau material in Arabic from "Voice of the Arabs"	22 Jul	22 Jul	Requested by Chief, Acquisition Branch, OISD
R-387-58		NSC	25 Jun	Ed Br WCB, EC	Analysis of relative volume of pro and anti-U.S. statements in press and radio of Argentina, Brazil & Uruguay	ASAP	8 Jul	Analysis based on one week's material
CR-391-58		DD/P	9 Jul	Ed Br	All discards from clandestine stations, "Voice of Reform", "Voice of Iraq" and "Voice of Free Lebanon"	---		Requested by PP/PAG 50X1
R-392-58		USIA	2 Jul	WCB	Tapes of two Peking English language commentaries	8 Jul	7 Jul	Requested by Ted Wertime, IRI
R-395-58		OTR	18 Jul	ECB	Tapes of Radio Moscow's new English language program entitled, "What is Communism"	ASAP		Program has not been heard to date
R-397-58		USIA	22 Jul	Med B	Belts of three specific Mid East broadcasts	ASAP	31 Jul	Requested by Robert Hartland, IRI
R-398-58		DD/P	18 Jul	BIS	List of all radio stations broadcasting to Albania and Yugoslavia	18 Jul	18 Jul	Requested by OISD 50X1
R-399-58		DD/P	21 Jul	Med B	Tapes of all Kurdish language broadcasts from Cairo, Baghdad, and Teheran for a four-day period	4 Aug		Requested by OISD
R-400-58		DD/P	24 Jul	Ed Br Med B	Summaries and discards of East German International Service in Persian	8 Aug		Requested by OISD for two weeks' period
R-389-58		Army	20 Jun	Lon B	Tape of a Stepanov commentary over Radio Moscow	ASAP	3 Jul	

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